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Technical Coordination Report TCR 17.820 Submitted by David M. Cook, Cincinnati District

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Recommendations: Revise forms and procedures for open-ended waivers.

In his report Mr. Cook made the following specific recommendations:

- 1) Restrict the use of Form 872-A, Special Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Tax.
- 2) Require that the Service issue Form 872-T, Notice of Termination of Special Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Tax, in agreed cases.
- 3) Revise Form 872-A to provide a definition of "final determination of tax."

We have been working with representatives of Appeals and Examination who are responsible for revising Forms 872. 872-A and 872-T. We are sending copies of Mr. Cook's report to those offices.

The recommendations made by Mr. Cook will be considered in reviewing any future revisions of these forms and procedures. In particular, we concur that action must be taken concerning the use of the term "final determination of tax." Because the meaning of the term is subject to different interpretations, it is unclear when the period of limitation for assessment ends. Accordingly, it is also unclear when the period of limitation for refund under section 6511(c) of the Internal Revenue Code ends. One of the options under consideration to address this problem is the required use of Form 872-T, as Mr. Cook suggests.

We appreciate the interest Mr. Cook has taken in this matter and hope that he will continue to submit his ideas. Copies of this memorandum are attached for the District Technical Coordinator, Mr. Cook, and other interested persons.

Attachments